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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
14727

In Re Application Of: **Martin Frederick Pera**

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Serial No.  
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Examiner  
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Invention: **IMPROVED METHODS OF CULTURING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND CONTROLLED  
DIFFERENTIATION**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 23, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month  Two months  Three months  Four months  Five months

from: October 23, 2003 *Date* until: December 23, 2003 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	55 -	62 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	6 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
<b>FEE FOR AMENDMENT</b>					\$0.00
<b>FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					\$420.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$420.00</b>

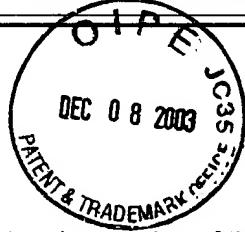
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A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

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Dated: December 4, 2003

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